GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SURFACE TRANSPORT
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2664
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WATER TRANSPORT FROM GATEWAY OF INDIA TO MUMBAI
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Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Maharashtra has asked permission to start water transport from the Gateway of India to Mumbai;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the said proposal is lying pending with the Bombay Port Trust for the past two years; and

(d) if so, the time by which the proposal is likely to be cleared?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT
(DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN)

(a) to (d): A proposal made in 1997 by City & Industrial Development Corporation of Government of Maharashtra for developing passenger water transport service from Gateway of India to Mumbai, needs detailed study to consider and identify the suitable site for passenger transport terminal by taking into account navigational safety, traffic congestion, environmental clearance etc. Mumbai Port Trust has since appointed a Consultant for this purpose. No definite time schedule could be stipulated at this stage for clearance of this proposal.